

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 13 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 9-12 and 14-15 have been canceled. Based on the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled the finally rejected claims 9-12 and 14-15 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein and without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to advance prosecution of the present application. Claims 1-8 and 13 remain pending in this application. In the Official Action mailed November 13, 2008, the Examiner indicated these claims are allowed. Based on the cancellation of the rejected claims, Applicants respectfully submit this application is now in proper form for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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